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## Congressman Dent presents check for \$880,000 for Second Street extension in Catasauqua

CATASAUQUA — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) recently presented the Borough of Catasauqua with a check for \$880,000 in federal funding for the Second Street extension project. Congressman Dent presented the funding to local officials including mayor-elect Barbara Schlegel and Borough Manager Gene Goldfeder at Borough Council chambers.

The funding comes from the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act, known generally as the Highway Bill, which was signed by the President in August, and provides a total \$56.1 million for much-needed road projects in the 15<sup>th</sup> District.

The Catasauqua project will help relieve congestion in the borough by moving and signalizing a heavily used intersection from Race and Lehigh streets to Race and Second streets. The project will provide a signalized intersection for improved safety, and better access for north-south passage between Catasauqua and Allentown and east-west passage for the entire Lehigh Valley.

“The move of this intersection to Second Street will improve traffic flow in the Borough and the entire region,” Congressman Dent said. “Race Street is an important east-west thoroughfare for the entire Lehigh Valley, being a parallel road to U.S. 22 and providing access to regional facilities like Lehigh Valley International Airport and the Whitehall shopping district.”

Congressman Dent also noted that moving the intersection and will take traffic away from an important historic property, the home of Declaration of Independence signer George Taylor on Lehigh Street. He added that traffic improvements in Catasauqua will also serve another major road project funded in the Highway Bill, the American Parkway Bridge, which is a short distance south of the intersection.

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